AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended)   A system for inputting and collecting insurance information from a plurality of remotely connected agents, said system comprising:

a network server to receive individual client information from the remotely connected agents;

a forms database, said forms database including the individual client information completed human readable insurance forms;

a formatting computer in communication with the forms database and operative to format human readable forms with the individual client information into uneditable images of human-readable forms, and to provide the completed forms to the forms database;

a network server providing remote access to said forms database and operative to receive the individual client information from said remotely connected agents for formatting by the formatting computer; and

a data transfer server operative to transfer the completed forms to a plurality of remotely located terminals.

2. (Original)   A system as in claim 1 wherein said remotely connected agents are connected over remotely located terminals, said remotely located terminals being connected to said remote server over a network, agents providing client information to said forms database from corresponding ones of said remotely connected terminals.

3. (Original)   A system as in claim 1 wherein said data transfer server comprises a file transfer protocol (FTP) server, completed insurance applications being stored on said FTP server.

4. (Original)   A system as in claim 1 wherein said data transfer server comprises an e-mail server, completed forms being e-mailed to a registered originating agent.

5. (Original)   A system as in claim 1, wherein said e-mail server includes a database, said database including e-mail addresses of registered insurance agents.

6. (Currently amended)   A system as in claim 1 wherein said forms database further includes client information and information relating to proposed new business.

7. (Original)   A system as in claim 6, said formatting computer comprising:

image generation means receiving client information from said forms database and generating images of insurance policy forms therefrom; and

compression means for compressing insurance policy form images for a single client into a single compressed file, compressed files being stored on said forms database and provided to said data transfer server.

8. (Original) A system as in claim 7, wherein said data transfer server comprises:

an e-mail server; and

a file transfer protocol (FTP) server, compressed files below a selected size being e-mailed over said e-mail server to a registered agent, said compressed file being included with said e-mail and, compressed files exceeding said selected size being stored on said FTP server, said registered agent being notified of said stored compressed file location.

9. (Original) A system as in claim 7, wherein said insurance policy forms include insurance policy application and contact forms.

10. (Previously presented)   A system as in claim 1, wherein said client information includes insurance policy application and contract data.

11. (Currently amended)   An insurance policy application and contract management system for inputting and collecting <u>individual client</u> insurance policy application and contract information from a plurality of remotely connected agents, said system comprising:

<u>a network server to receive the individual client information from the remotely connected agents;</u>

a forms database, said forms database including ~~completed human-readable insurance policy application and contract forms and~~ information relating to clients and new business;

a formatting computer in communication with the forms database and operative to generate <u>uneditable images of</u> human-readable insurance policy application and contract forms with <u>the</u> individual client information, to compress ~~insurance policy application and contract forms~~ <u>the images</u> for a single client into a single compressed file, and to provide <u>the</u> completed ~~forms~~ <u>images</u> to the forms database;

~~a network server providing remote access to said forms database and operative to receive the individual client information from said remotely connected agents for formatting by the formatting computer;~~ and

a data transfer server operative to transfer the completed ~~forms~~ images to a plurality of remotely located terminals; and

said plurality of remotely connected terminals being connected to said data transfer server over a network, the agents providing the individual client information to said forms database from corresponding ones of said remotely connected terminals.

12. (Original) An insurance policy application and contract management system as in claim 11 wherein said data transfer server comprises a file transfer protocol (FTP) server, compressed files including completed insurance applications being stored on said FTP server.

13. (Original) An insurance policy application and contract management system as in claim 11 wherein said data transfer server comprises an e-mail server including e-mail addresses of registered agents, compressed files being e-mailed to registered originating agents.

14. (Original) An insurance policy application and contract management system as in claim 11, wherein said data transfer server comprises:

an e-mail server; and

a file transfer protocol (FTP) server, compressed files below a selected size being e-mailed over said e-mail server to corresponding registered originating agents, said compressed files being included with said e-mail and, compressed files exceeding said selected size being stored on said FTP server, corresponding registered originating agents being notified of stored compressed file locations.

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